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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

April Activities

- 4.2.15 training and meeting Foothills Station
- 4.4.15 Technical rescue training Flagpole, Carr Canyon
- 4.8.15 Search for possible injured subject, Hereford/92 (Palominas side) area
- 4.10.15 Search for missing ATV riders (on foot) Ramsey Rd / Hargis Ranch Rd
- 4.16.15 Search for dehydrated UDA SR90/301
- 4.18.15 Dive Training
- 4.20.15 Search for lost hikers Charleston Bridge and the river
- 4.25.15 Search 3 missing children SVPD assist

Dr. Scuba Corner

"A group becomes a team, when all members are sure enough of themselves and their contributions to praise the skill of others."

Anonymous

April 2015

4.2.2015 Pre meeting training and meeting

In anticipation of the upcoming dive training at Parker Canyon Lake, Eric covered the decon procedures. He went over the various levels of contaminated water 1, 2 3, and 4, with 4 being the most hazardous to the diver.

Decon begins with the tarp and water sprayer at the edge of the water—stage 1

Rinse the diver head to toe with fresh water

Drip dry—all the dive gear remains on.

Move to kiddie pool—stage 2

Rinse diver head to toe with 3-5% Clorox solution

Drip dry—dive gear still remains on

BC and tank removal, mask remains on

Rinse diver head to toe with dawn degreaser— stage 3

Use scrub brush to suds up detergent

Diver's gear gets washed as well.

During stage 4 diver will be rinsed with clear fresh water and continue to rinse until the suds disappear.

Diver moves to drying area
FFM is dried with towel or compressed air

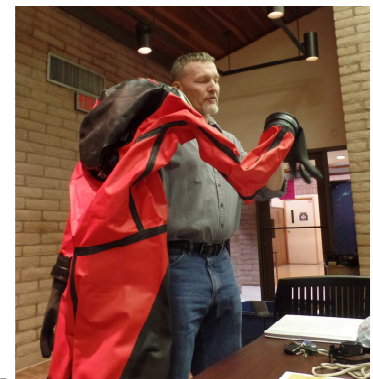
Hood and neck area are dried

Waist and gloves are dried
Removal of FFM, hood and gloves

Suit is dried and removed.

Diver removes suit and enters shower

Diver is monitored for signs and symptoms



Eric explains what to pay attention to during the cleaning / drying process of the dry suit.



Eric's knot of the months—Inline Figure Eight



Lorelei and Yvonne at practice

The inline figure 8 is a directional loop knot. Always keep the load end in mind. If the knot is reversed it can easily fail. The loop must always point into the direction of the load.

Technical Rescue Training 4.4.2015

This was a windy, but very effective and productive training day. Each team member was challenged to their best, trying out new techniques and applying what they had learned in the past. We again set up the AZ Vortex as an A-frame with tension guys to the rear. Physics play a major role during this set up and everyone must pay attention to this or the system would fail.

A 100 pound load "Larry" was incorporated into this training eliminating the use of a "life load." The ladies demonstrated

"Even eagles need a push."

David McNally



proper lift and carry, and transported Larry to his final destination for pick up. Oops,



what's wrong with the picture and the one to the left? Or specifically what is missing?



Walter and Scott setting up the safety line. While the ladies



worked on setting up the various anchors for the haul and belay line. And Bill is very deep



in thought, "is this going to work or what have I gotten myself into? Below" Working



on the tension lines utilizing the

AZTEK, making tensioning the



lines so much easier.

Harry and Raul explaining the



MPD to Jamie. How can I tell, by the color of their helmets.



The finished product. Let's try it out

Tech continued.

Getting the stokes ready for the evolution.



with the stokes over a rugged edge is not easy and will take a lot out of you. This is even more relevant when being hauled up with a load / subject inside. Personnel in the rear



This was not only a challenge for the personnel in the rear, who had to change to a 5:1 system hauling Eric, Bill and Larry.



worked just as hard, Raul keeping an eye on Jamie while she is working the MPD during the lowering. While Lorelei and

With Bill going over the edge and Yvonne and David being the edge technicians. Working



Lilly are tending to the belay line.



What a super training day.

“To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.”

Pope Francis



This is the most dedicated group of people!

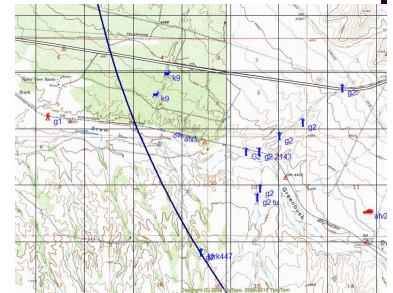
Thank you for giving up many Saturday's to train in order to keep up your skills. And, responding to so many callouts helping others in distress. Again Thank You.

4. 8.15 Search Mission S of SR 92 and E of Hereford Rd

This search fiasco started earlier in the afternoon with a subject calling 9-1-1 and saying he was hurt and needing help. The entire call was not any longer than 8 seconds and dispatch was unable to get a better location than the one which plotted from the call. The coordinates plotted somewhere in Mexico and or 8.5 miles SW from a cell tower in Bisbee. The activation of the team was around 1800 hours and the response was great. We even had a CBP helo involved in the search. We had ground teams,

ATV teams and a K9 team deployed in the various areas. With negative results in finding anything. David again tried to have the cell phone pinged and the phone now was placed about 1.2 miles W of Naco Sonora and 1.2 miles S of the International line. Once we learned the caller was indeed in Mexico, we suspended the search and called back all teams. We also informed the Mexican Consulate to possibly have the Mexican Search and Rescue try to find the subject. They also had negative contact

with the subject in the area given. It appears this particular subject has called several times since then, at least the phone number has been associated with several calls to include some inappropriate questions



"No man is wise enough by himself."

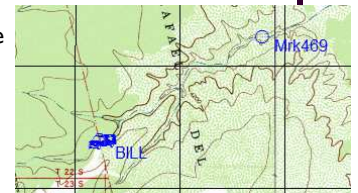
Plautus

4.10.15 Search Mission Ramsey Rd / Hargis Ranch Rd

David activated the team around 1939 hours for this search mission. A subject, who had gone ATV riding with his 7 year old daughter had gone missing. The subject had called 9-1-1 and dispatch was able to get a pretty good coordinate pin pointing his location. The problem was, the subject did not remain on location but kept moving. Later we learned his girlfriend with another male and teenager had gone looking

for him as well , and were now missing. An attempt to call the females phone was impossible, it went straight to voice mail. Bill and Scott drove to the area of the last known coordinate and were able to located the male and the young girl. Not knowing where the other three might have gone to, the decision was made to deploy another ground team into a secondary wash, joining the same wash the subject was located

in, beginning at Hargis Ranch Rd. Once we were ready to deploy, Bill contacted us stating they also found the party of three. DPS Air Rescue was also called for assistance, but they never left the airport, which was a good thing, some starts and engine time saved.

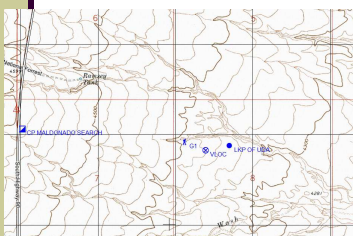


4.16.15 Search Mission SR 90/301 & Rescue Jackson Cabin

While David and Jim (R94) handled a rescue mission in the area of Jackson Cabin involving CCSO personnel, we received a call for a dehydrated and lost UDA in the area of SR 90 east of mile marker 301. A subject called 9-1-1 around 2030 hours telling dispatch he was lost and thirsty. Dispatch plotted the phase two 9-1-1 call to an area approximately 1 mile east of SR 90 / MM 301. We activated the SAR team and commenced the search around 2130 hours. DPS Air

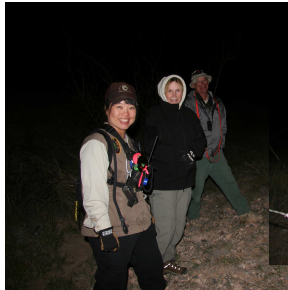
Rescue Tucson was out of service and Phoenix was busy with a medical emergency. We subsequently contacted USBP and asked for air support. We also received the support of a scope truck. Scope truck personnel located the individual and was able to guide our ground team directly to the subject. We also deployed a ATV team, which was unable to reach the subject due to the very difficult terrain. Once the initial team did reach the sub-

ject they gave him some water and warm clothing. They started back to CP with the subject, when the situation turned and the subject cramped up. A second team was deployed with stokes and other technical gear to commence an extraction of the subject. Additional medical personnel was deployed with this team ensuring further first aid, It was determined the subject required an air evac and ambulance personnel was



contacted, who arranged for air evac. It took the team a good 45 minutes to transport the subject back to command post, where he was turned over to medical personnel and air evac. We had a pretty good response and we needed every single one of you to accomplish this mission, especially with the rough and treacherous terrain.

Reminder: Make sure you carry your 24 hours pack with you, not just a fanny pack. You never know if you have to spend the night with the subject you are looking for. This will also allow you to possibly have enough equipment for the subject as well.



May 2015

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Schedule of Events

- 5.1.2.3.15 State SAR Conference Heber AZ
- 5.9.15 Search of GTR Cold Case
- 5.7.15 training and meeting Foothills 1730
- 5.16.15 Swift Water Training Salt River o'dark 30
- 5.21.15 Coordinator training Foothills 1000
- 5.25.15 Memorial Day
- 5.30.15 Swift Water Rodeo Phx
- 5.30.15 Tech training Carr Canyon

4.19.2015 Dive Training Parker Canyon Lake

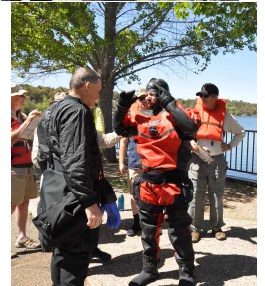
This would have been a great dive training day if it would not have been for the wind and extreme wind gusts. Several new tenders were certified and three divers, Scott, Bill and Andrew were on the other end of the 100 foot tether. It takes a lot to be a dive tender, and when a dive team is needed for a lake recovery mission or an evidence search, tenders are always needed. This training took place under the watchful and critical eye of instructor Eric R7. Travis, our dive boat

off. Raul is helping Bill getting the suit off. What a pain. Bill is not too happy about this suit, and said he will only wear it in contaminated water. Captain

these dry suits on.



Jack is towing the raft to the final anchor point for the tenders. This was a lake based tender certification instead of land based. Eric giving last instructions to the divers and tenders. This also included a dry run regarding tender to



captain earned his nick name "Captain Jack."



diver and diver to tender signals via the tether. While other



Yvonne practicing the kayaking. While the tenders are checking with one of the divers for last minutes instructions. Others watched from the pier explain-



members got ready to attack the kayaks. Yes it takes two or three people to put one of



ing the training to some citizens.

**"Build for your team a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another and of strength to be derived by unity.
Vince Lombardi**



Several of us also practiced our kayaking skills for the upcoming swift water rodeo and monsoon season. The water was a bit cold only 60 degree, to also practice some of the swim portions. Even with a wet suit, it was brrrr. The divers tried out the new contaminated water dry suits, and it takes the help of others to get that suit



Having the dive platform makes it so much easier for the diver to get in and out of the water. The platform also aids during the recovery process, enabling the diver to place the body bag onto the platform.



June 2015

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Schedule of Events

- 6.4.15 Training and meeting Foothills Station 1730
- 6.6.15 Tech training
- 6.18.15 Coordinator training Foothills
- 6.20.15 Helo Re-quals



Tom was generous enough to keep watch over some of the canines during the time their handlers took part in the tender certification. Thank you Tom.



The dummy, Gaby built for the divers, looks pretty real. The dummy was planned for practice, placing it into a body bag. However, we ran out of time -maybe the next time

4.20.2015 Search Mission Charleston Bridge

David activated the team for this mission around 1245 hours. The female caller indicated she was hiking with an 82 year old male along the Charleston Trail, when they lost their way trying to make their way back to the location they had parked their car. She left the subject behind to find help. She made it to the road and was able to flag down a motorist.

The male also called 911 saying he was stranded and needed help. This particular 911 call gave the coordinates of the subject and SAR personnel was able to locate him. He told SAR personnel he became weak while hiking to the old Charleston town site. The subject was assisted to a Border patrol ATV, who transported him to the waiting ambulance.

balance. He was checked and seemed very dehydrated.



"The Essentials"

- Butane lighter or matches in a waterproof container.
- Map and Compass (plus the knowledge of how to use them).
- Knife
- Extra clothing
- Extra water
- Whistle
- First aid kit (plus the knowledge of how to use it)
- Tarp (plastic sheet, space blanket, large garbage bags, etc.) for shelter
- Flashlight with extra bulb and batteries
- Signal mirror

4.25. 2015 Assist SV PD with three missing children

David activated the team around 1600 hours for this mission. SV PD asked for our assistance in locating 3 children ages 5 to 9 missing since about 1330 hours from their grandparent's house. They looked before they called SVPD, they looked before one of our deputies told them to possibly call SAR. As usual, our response was great and we were able to deploy several teams into the field. Even Manny R I showed up for this mission and assisted as a mobile unit. The children were located by a passerby heading home from the fort by the Golf Course, when she saw the three walking, picked them up and notified authorities.

From David:
Great Job as always!

From the Sheriff.
Good Moring Tim,
I truly appreciate the kind letter regarding our volunteers, their efforts are commendable in so many aspects, I am VERY proud of them!
Thank You,
Mark

From Corporal T. Wachtel to Sheriff Dannels
Good afternoon. This past Saturday afternoon we took a call where three

children (9, 7, and 5) had climbed over a brick wall to their grandparents backyard ad were now missing. We took the call at 1416 hours ad the children were last seen around 1330 hrs, so we were already behind the curve when we first took the call. We immediately checked Vets Park (Fu Fest), surrounding neighborhood, and nearby stores thinking we might find them like we do in most calls. Well after an hour of checking around, we still had negative contact with them. Brando contacted me while I was parked and advised your Search and Rescue was available and all it would take was a phone call from him. At this point I was in the "Oh Crap" feeling of the search and took Brando up on his offer.

After I left the park, I met with the case officer at the residence and next thing I know your entire SAR team arrived on scene in full force and were very helpful. Luckily the children were found on Ft. Huachucua at approximately 1719 hrs by a passerby up there and thankfully everything turned out good.
Please pass on a thank you to your SAR Team along with your deputies for helping out in this matter. The assistance was much appreciated.
Corporal Tim Wachtel

